Honors College
The University of Texas at San Antonio

OVERVIEW

The UTSA Honors College (HC) is home to approximately 1,400 of UTSA’s most academically talented students and provides unique educational experiences that weave together the nurturing atmosphere of a small college with the many opportunities of a larger public research university. Through its curriculum, special programs, and academic counseling, the college provides students from all academic disciplines with opportunities to customize their learning inside and outside the classroom in six areas: Service, Professional Development, Intellectual Achievement and Research, Cultural Exploration, Engaged Living, and Skill Development. The experiential approach of the HC assists students of all majors to develop as professionals, intellectually achieve goals beyond coursework, and ultimately become leaders of our community. The overarching goal of the college is to help students emerge as global citizens, acquire skills to flourish in their future careers, and live engaged, intentional, and healthy personal lives.

CHALLENGE

With a strong belief that students succeed when they are well-rounded, the Honors College has a responsibility and obligation to ensure its students have the freedom to boldly charge their own paths. The HC provides them with the moral and financial support they need to help them reimagine their horizons, so that they can exceed their own expectations through a combination of coursework and experiential learning that engages them in service, internships, study abroad, and research. To meet this obligation to some of UTSA’s most academically talented students, the Honors College must build robust endowments for its undergraduate scholarship programs, including Top Scholars, Global Scholars, Community Scholars, and Retention Scholarships. It must also create support for an Honors College Center for Civic Leadership to coordinate internship opportunities and provide financial assistance to more Honors students. In addition, the college seeks to create Honors Diversity Fellowships for its faculty and advance the college’s goal of enhancing inclusivity and teaching intercultural confidence within its faculty.
IMPACT

By creating an environment where knowledge comes alive to solve problems, the Honors College develops talented, committed students who will contribute to the intellectual, economic, and social capital of San Antonio, the State of Texas, and beyond. While diverse in background and thought, there is a shared commitment to excellence in this community of student and faculty scholars from throughout the world. The HC creates experiences that yield jobs, a robust and multigenerational landscape of leaders, and broader political and civic participation. As much as the faculty and staff coach students toward academic and career success, the HC’s guiding beliefs stress that students are honorable, equitable, resilient, benevolent, and supportive. Every scholarship, internship, study abroad opportunity, and opportunities to have conversations with experts on global issues will not only impact individual Honors College students, but also the community he or she will eventually call home.

PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Texas at San Antonio has launched a comprehensive campaign to support UTSA’s 10-Year-Strategic Vision introduced by President Taylor Eighmy in 2017, Be Bold: A Campaign for Our Future, which also extends 10 years and has a working goal of $500 million, is focused on providing the infrastructure and resources needed to become a model for student success and research discovery. There are several philanthropic opportunities within the Honors College.

Undergraduate Scholarships and Graduate Student Fellowships make a tremendous difference in helping UTSA attract and recognize high-achieving students. Endowed Faculty Positions help foster excellence in research and support efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified educators, researchers, and administrators. Capital Projects provide the necessary spaces to stimulate learning, research, creativity, and collaboration among students and faculty. Our endowment levels include:

- $2,000,000+ Distinguished University Chair
- $1,500,000+ Distinguished Chair
- $1,000,000+ Chair
- $500,000+ Distinguished Professorship
- $250,000+ Professorship
- $100,000+ Faculty Fellowship
- $100,000+ Graduate Fellowship
- $25,000+ Undergraduate or Graduate Scholarship

UTSA has multiple avenues available to make an incredible impact. Gifts made annually can provide scholarship, research, and programmatic support across all areas. Gifts made through certain assets also have many benefits and include stock, IRAs, donor advised funds, real estate, life insurance, intellectual property, collectibles, matching gifts, in-kind gifts, estate gifts, and more.

Naming Opportunities

The University of Texas at San Antonio also welcomes the opportunity to discuss a naming opportunity that can provide support beyond bricks and mortar. Supporting a naming opportunity can allow for major academic and programmatic transformations that will elevate UTSA to greater levels of excellence and increase its competitiveness on a global scale.

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